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H. R. 3622

To provide for the substitution of the term “standard trade relations” in lieu of “nondiscriminatory treatment” and “most-favored-nation treatment”, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 12, 1996

Mr. CHRYSLER (for himself, Mr. CAMP, Mr. BUNN of Oregon, Mr. HEINEMAN, Mr. JONES, Mr. BONO, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. ROGERS, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. LAUGHLIN, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. UPTON, and Mr. HASTERT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Standard Trade Rela-
5 tions Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STANDARD TRADE RELATIONS.**

2 Except as otherwise provided in any other provision
 3 of law, any duty or other import restriction or duty-free
 4 treatment proclaimed in carrying out any trade agreement
 5 shall apply to products of all foreign countries, whether
 6 imported directly or indirectly.

7 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS; STATUTORY REF-**
 8 **ERENCES.**

9 (a) REDESIGNATION OF MOST-FAVORED-NATION
 10 PRINCIPLE.—(1) Section 251 of the Trade Expansion Act
 11 of 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1881) is amended in the section head-
 12 ing by striking “**MOST-FAVORED-NATION**” and insert-
 13 ing “**STANDARD TRADE RELATIONS**”.

14 (2) Section 126 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C.
 15 2136) is amended in the section heading by striking “**RE-**
 16 **CIPROCAL NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT**” and
 17 inserting “**STANDARD TRADE RELATIONS PRIN-**
 18 **CIPLE**”.

19 (b) REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS.—Any reference
 20 in any provision of law to “nondiscriminatory treatment”
 21 or “most-favored-nation” treatment, with respect to the
 22 tariff treatment of products of a country, shall be deemed
 23 to refer to the standard trade relations principle set forth
 24 in section 2.

1 **SEC. 4. MODIFICATION OF RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REP-**
2 **RESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE.**

3 It shall not be in order in either the House of Rep-
4 resentatives or the Senate to consider any bill, joint resolu-
5 tion, amendment, motion, or conference report which con-
6 tains any provision referring to “most-favored-nation” or
7 “nondiscriminatory treatment” with respect to the tariff
8 treatment of products of a country.

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